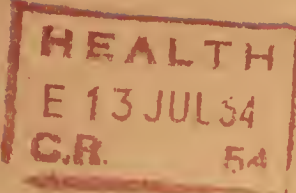


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For the year ended 31st. December,

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E. TAYLOR. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Council Offices,
Cross Street, LEES,
Nr. Oldham,
Lancashire.

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LEES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1953 - 1954.

Chairman of the Council.

Councillor S. Pearson J.P.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor J. Barker Chairman.

"	J. Gartside
"	S. Pearson
"	F. Ward.
"	H. Wilkinson.
"	F. Rowland.
"	H. K. Dyson.
"	H. Slack.
"	H. Hirst.
"	O. Bevan.
"	R. Scott.
"	H. Travis.
"	F. Warren.
"	J. Dunkerley.
"	J.G. Gartside.

Clerk of the Council


F.A. GROPPER

Medical Officer of Health (part time)

E. TAYLOR, M.B., Ch.B., DPH.

Sanitary Inspector.

G. OAKES, C.R.S.I.



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A N N U A L R E P O R T
To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Lees.

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the
Annual Report on the health of the Urban District
for the year 1953.

The birth rate showed a marked
increase over previous years and on account of this,
although the same number of infant deaths occurred,
the infant mortality rate was reduced. The death
rate remained comparable with previous years.
Three cases of poliomyelitis occurred within a few
weeks of each other in the late Autumn - two of the
cases were in contact with each other but the third
seemed quite unrelated.

I would wish to take this opportunity
to express my sincere thanks to the members of the
Health Committee for their support and to all my
colleagues for their ready co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

E. TAYLOR

General Statistics.

Area in Acres	288.
Population (preliminary census 1951).....	4160.
Registrar-General's estimated resident population mid-1953.	4133.
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books	1512.
Rateable Value	£22,750.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£84.

Vital Statistics.

The main vital statistics for the year, after
correction for inward and outward transfers, as furnished
by the Registrar-General are given in Table 1.

TABLE I.

	Total	Male	Female			
Live Births (legitimate)...	71	45	26	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	{ Crude 17.7. (Adjusted 18.0	
" (illegitimate)...	2	0	2			
" Total.....	73	45	28			
Still Births	0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.....	Nil	
Deaths.....	55	23	32	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	(Crude 13.3. (Adjusted 12.1.	
Deaths from Puerperal causes.....				(Puerperal and Post-abortion Sepsis.....	0	
				(Other Maternal causes.....	0	
Infant Mortality:-						
Total	Number of Deaths registered.....			3		
	Rate per 1,000 live births.....			41.		
	Number of Deaths registered.....			1		
	Rate per 1,000 live births			14		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....				8		
" Heart Disease (all ages)				25		
" Bronchitis (all ages)				4		
LEESA						
	Per 1000 of estimated Population			per 1,000 Live Births.		
	Live Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	Death Rate from Cancer.	Maternal mortality Rate Live Births Still Births	Infant Mortality Total Rate
Mean of 5 years, 1948-1952	15.7	13.9	0.17	1.95	Nil	-
Year 1952	13.1	12.7	0.36	0.95	Nil	55
1953	17.7	13.3	Nil	1.93	Nil	41
Increase or decrease in 1953 on 5 years average, 1948 - 1952.	+ 1.24	-0.62	-0.17	-0.02	Nil	-16
Previous year	+ 4.6	+0.6	-0.36	+0.98	Nil	-41

2. - CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male.	Female.
All causes (55)	<u>23</u>	<u>32.</u>
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.....	0	0
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever	0	0
4. Whooping Cough	0	0
5. Diphtheria	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	0
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0
8. Syphilitic diseases	0	0
9. Influenza.....	0	0
10. Measles.....	0	0
11. Ac.polio-myel: and polio-enceph.....	0	0
12. Ac. inf. enceph.....	0	0
13. Cancer of buc.cav. and oesoph (M) uterus(F)	0	0
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
15. Cancer of breast	0	2
16. Cancer of all other sites	0	3
17. Diabetes	0	0
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	0	2
19. Heart Disease.....	10	15
20. Other diseases of Circulatory system.....	2	3
21. Bronchitis	2	2
22. Pneumonia	1	1
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	0	1
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	0
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0	0
26. Appendicitis.....	0	0
27. Other Digestive Diseases	1	0
28. Nephritis	0	0
29. Puerperal and post-abortion Sepsis.....	0	0
30. Other maternal causes	0	0
31. Premature birth	0	0
32. Con mal birth inj. infact dis	0	0
33. Suicide	0	0
34. Road traffic accidents	1	0
35. Other violence causes	1	0
36. All other causes	2	2

3- NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1953:-

D I S E A S E.	Total cases at all ages.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.										age unknown	Deaths Total	Hospital	
		AGE PERIODS (YEARS.												Total received	Deaths in Hospital
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-					
Small Pox.....	7	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Scarlet Fever.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria including membranous croup.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever, excluding Paratyphoid.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever.....	23	...	3	7	12	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Measles excluding German Measles.....	20	2	4	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Pneumonia primary and influenza.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal Infection.....	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	3	...	...
Acute poliomyelitis - paralytic.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" non-paralytic.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute encephalitis - infective.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" post infective.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery.....	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria contracted in this country.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria, contracted abroad.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food poisoning.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any others notifiable in district e.g. Chicken pox.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any other disease.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	55	2	8	14	26	1	3	1	0	0	6	0	6		

TUBERCULOSIS.

(1) - The notification of Tuberculosis is efficient in the district.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1953

Age periods.	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
1-2								
2-5								
5-10								
10-15								
15-20			1					
20-25								
25-35		2						
35-45	1							
45-55	1							
55-65								
65-75								
75 & upwards								
Totals	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
		5		1	0		0	

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Cases	Treated	Treated	Vision	Vision	Total	Deaths.
Number Notified	At Home	In Hospital	Unimpaired	Impaired	Blindness	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Disinfection after Infectious Diseases:

Number of houses disinfected during 19537
Disinfectant used FORMALIN and SULPHUR DIOXIDE

DISINFESTATION	Council houses	Other houses.
Number of houses found infested	0	0
Number of houses disinfested.	0	0

Methods used: Formaldehyde gas.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH
SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT.

Under the National Service Act 1946, Health Divisions were set up throughout the County Administrative Area, each Health Division being responsible for the following services:-

MATERNITY SERVICE.

One domiciliary Midwife serves the district. The Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Princess Street Methodist School on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons.

HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES.

Full time Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed in the area by the Lancashire County Council.

CLINICS.

Held at the Princess Street Methodist School:
Ante-and Post-Natal - 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon.
Child Welfare - Wednesday afternoon.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Clinic facilities are available at Firs Hall, Failsworth.

CARE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILDREN'S ACT, 1948.

The Area Children's Officer is Mrs. France, Enville House, Scotland Street, Ashton-u-Lyne.

DAY NURSERIES

There are no Day Nurseries provided by the County Council situated within the district. Two cotton mills however provide nurseries with places in the district.

AMBULANCE

The Ambulance Service is provided by the Oldham Corporation under an agency service agreement with the Lancashire County Council.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

Home helps are available for emergency cases, priority being given to maternity cases, general sickness cases, and the elderly infirm. The services of a home help can be obtained on application to the Divisional Medical Officer.

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

Provided by the Lancashire County Council - one District Nurse resides in the area.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
for the District.
(continued)

CONVALESCENCE

Is available under arrangement by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT.

Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board through the Local Hospital Management Committee.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council in conjunction with voluntary Moral Welfare Organisations.

WELFARE SERVICE.

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council, resident accommodation is available at Boundary Park annexe.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Chest Clinic is situated in Brook Street, Chadderton where all suspected cases of Tuberculosis are referred. X-ray facilities are available at the clinic.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Hospitals available for the residents of Lees are:-
General and Maternity cases - Boundary Park General Hospital.
Infectious Diseases - Westhulme Hospital, Oldham.

This District is within Health Division No. 44 the Office for which is at:-

"Tylon",
Middleton Road,
Chadderton,
Phone: MAIN (Oldham) 6251/2

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. Section 47.

Number of applications made during the year 1953...	0.
Number of orders made	0.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR AND
CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT.

Health Department
Council Offices,
Cross Street,
LEES,
Nr. Oldham.

May, 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,
Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report upon the Sanitary Administration of the district and the work done during the year 1953.

Details of this work are given in the following pages, so I take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the members and officials of the Council and to the staff for the co-operation and assistance I have received during the year.

GEORGE OAKES

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

WATER SUPPLY

There is an efficient supply of water of good quality provided from the Oldham Corporation Waterworks for the whole district.

Action taken in respect of any form of contamination:

Filtration and Chlorination takes place at the source and tests are carried out by the Oldham County Borough.

No cases of lead contamination have been notified.

During the year 6 new houses built by the Council were supplied with water.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The River Medlock which flows along the Western boundary of the District, received the sewage effluent from the Sewage Works at Crossbank. Two other streams converge on the Eastern boundary and join the River Medlock at the South West part of the District at Holts.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Sewerage of the greater part of the district is conveyed to the sewers of the Oldham County Borough - the flow being checked by Lea Recorders - and is treated at their Outfall works. The remainder until November 1953 was treated at our own Sewage Works by the method of precipitation continuous filters, percolating filters and humus tanks, prior to discharge of effluent into the River Medlock.

Since November 1953 these Works have been abandoned and the sewage from this part of the District also flows into the Oldham sewage scheme the flow being checked by Lea Recorder.

All drains are examined before being covered in, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Privy Middens	0
Pail Closets	0
Dry Ash Pits	0
Movable Ashbins	1486
Trough Closets	0
Waste Water Closets.....	70
Fresh Water Closets	1519
Number of houses on water carriage system....	1512

Conversions during 1953..

Number of Trough closets to fresh W.C.'s.....	0
" " Waste " " " "	6
Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles	0

SCAVENGING AND REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This is carried out satisfactorily by the Sanitary authority by weekly collection and a salvage scheme is operated. Refuse is collected weekly by motor vehicle and disposed of by partially controlled tipping at the Council tip at Tumbling Bank. Approximately 1350 tons of refuse were removed.

The Council since 19th September, 1951, have operated a scheme for the provision and maintenance of Dustbins as a charge upon the General Rate fund. During 1953 121 Dustbins were provided.

Sanitary Inspections during 1953 including Houses.

During the year 590 premises were visited of which 288 were dwelling houses and 302 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 400 defects or nuisances were found and 28 were abated.

To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 64 informal and 5 formal notices were served upon the owners or agents in addition to personal interviews by the Sanitary Inspector.

SCHOOLS

There are four day-schools in the District. The sanitary condition of the W.C. and lavatory accommodation at the Schools within the District is fair, some of the accommodation is obsolete and requires attention. All the schools are supplied with water from the district mains.

SHOP ACT, 1950.

There are 91 shops in the District, which were visited at least twice during the year.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

One lead peroxide guage fixed at the Cemetery forms part of the joint Regional Scheme formed by seventeen Local Authorities to investigate atmospheric pollution.

FACTORIES

Administration of the Factories Act 1937. Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health including inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS, 1937.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health including inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises.	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written notices	Prosecutions
Factories with mech. power.....	24	24		
without mech.power	3	3		
Other premises under the Act.	1	4		
Total.....	28	31	-	-

2. Defects found.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			No of Prosecu- tions.
	Found.	Remed'd.	Rep. to H.M. Ins.	
Want of cleanliness.....	6	6		
Overcrowding.....				
Unreasonable temperature...				
Inadequate ventilation.....				
Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sanitary conveniences.				
(a) insufficient				
(b) unsuitable or defective				
(c) not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act.				
Totals.	6	6	-	-

RODENT CONTROL.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS AOT 1949.

1. Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

Type of property.	Total	Notified by Occupier	by Otherwise	Recorded	Rats Maj.	Rats Minor	Mice only.
L. A. Property ...	11	3	0	3		3	
Dwelling-Houses ..	1406	27	0	2		2	
Business Premises. ...	286	4	0	3		3	
Agricultural Property ...	18		3	1		1	
Total ..	1721	34	3	9	0	9	0.

2. Measures of control by Local Authority.

Type of Property.	Number Inspected	No. of Inspections	Number of Notices served	Number of Treatments carried out	Block Treatment of Properties in different Occupancies under Sec. 6(1) or by informal arrangement.
			Sec 4	By arrangement with owner.	
			Treatments		Surface
			Works	Rat	No. of Separate Occupancies
				Mice only	Manholes treated.
L.A. Property.....	11	20		3	
Dwelling-Houses...	54	137		2	
Business Premises.	24	48		3	
Agricultural Prop.	18	23			
Total.....	107	228	-	8	

In addition two maintenance treatments of the sewers in the district involving the baiting and poisoning of approximately 184 man holes were carried out with much success.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949

Number of registered distributors from:-

a. Own dairies in the district (shops).....	14
b. Dairy farms in the district.....	3
c. Premises outside the district	7

The Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949
Number of dealers licences (including supplementary) issued by the Local Authority during 1950 in respect of:-

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk:

i. Bottling.....	0	ii. Distribution....	14.
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The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949.

Number of licenses issued in respect of "Heat-treated Milk"
Retail Distributors: (a) Pasteurised...0 (b) Sterilised .. 0

Action taken by Local Authority in relation to:-

a. Raw Milk.

i. Tuberculosis - biological tests

No. of samples...0 No. positive...0 No. negative ..0

ii. Bacteriological examinations.

No. of samples ...0 No. satisfactory..0 No. unsatisfactory

iii. Sediment tests

No. of samples...0 No. satisfactory..0 No. unsatisfactory

b. "Heat-treated Milk".

i "Phosphatase" test

No. of samples...0 No. satisfactory..0 No. unsatisfactory

ii. Turbidity test.

No. of samples...0 No. satisfactory..0 No. unsatisfactory

iii. Methylene Blue reduction test.

No. of samples...0 No. satisfactory...0 No. unsatisfactory

iv. Tuberculosis

No. of samples...0 No. positive...0 No. negative....0

Number of notifications of tuberculous milk forwarded to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Results of Ministry investigations during the year arising from notifications by the Local Authority.

No. of Veterinary inspections

No. of cases where animals siezed under Tuberculosis Order 1938.....

No. of animals siezed

No. of cases reported negative, animals sold prior to investigation.....

No. of cases reported negative - no animals siezed.....

MEAT SUPPLY

Slaughtering is not carried out in the district at the present time owing to the centralisation of Slaughter houses. Slaughtering for the district being done in Oldham.

1. No. of Food Premises, By Type of Business in District

Year Ending 1953.

Type of Business

No.

Bakers	10
Butchers	6
Cooked Meats.	1
Fish & Chip Fryers	7
Greengrocery	6
Grocery	23
Wet Fish	1
Mixed Business.	6

Total 60

2. No. of Food Premises by type, Registered under Sect 14 of

The Food & Drugs Act or under Local Acts.

Type of Business	No. Registered at 31.12.53.	No. of Inspections of Registered Premises during the Yr.
Bakers	2	4
Butchers.	6	12
Cooked Meats	1	2
Fish and Chip Fryers	7	14
Grocery.	4	8
Greengrocery	1	2
Mixed Business.	7	14
Totals	28	56

3. Special examinations of Food Stocks or Consignments during Year

Type of Food

Quantity condemned.

Bacon and Ham.	48 lbs.
Cereals	(Lrge. Pkts). 5
Tongue	6 "
Tins of Fruit etc.	120 tins.

4. Methods of Disposal of Condemned Foods.

A. Bacon, Ham, Tongue and Cereals by Burning.

B. Tinned goods by deep burial.

ICE CREAM

Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Sect. 14, and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1949.

All premises registered for the manufacture or sale of Ice Cream were regularly inspected. Premises and storage accommodation were found to be kept in a satisfactory hygienic condition.

Number of Premises registered to manufacture Ice Cream....0

Number of Premises registered to sell Ice Cream14

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

These are administered by the Police.

HOUSING (STATISTICS)

Number of new houses erected during the year:

	Prefabricated Houses		Traditional Permanent Houses.
	Temporary	Permanent	
1. By the Local Authority	0	0	6
2. By other Local Authorities	0	0	0
3. By other bodies or Persons	0	0	0

Unfit Dwelling Houses.

1 - Inspection.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)288
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....579

- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 0

- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 6

- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.64

2 - Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notices.

- (1) Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.....72

3 - Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

- A. Proceedings under Section 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing 1936.
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....0

3 - Action under Statutory Powers during the year. (continued)

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

- (a) By owners0
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners....0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....5

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

- (a) By owners9
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners.....1

C. Proceedings under Sec. 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....0

2. Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....0

D.

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....0

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of **which** were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

E. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding:

- (1) (a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year Estimated.....68
- (b) Number of families dwelling therein "120
- (c) Number of persons dwelling therein "505.
- (2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....0
- (3) (a) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....1
- (b) Number of persons concerned in such cases.....5.

F. Housing Act 1949:

- (a) (i) Number of schemes submitted
 - (a) by private individuals.....0
 - (b) by Local Authority0
- (ii) Number of dwelling-houses
affected.....0
- (b) (i) Number of schemes approved:
 - (a) of private individuals0
 - (b) of Local Authority.....0
- (ii) Number of dwelling-houses affected.....0
- Number of additional separate dwellings
provided.....0
- (c) Any other action taken.....0

